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## MEXICO.

*Reports from Vera Cruz.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *August 18, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following report for the two weeks ended August 17, 1901:

A second death from sporadic cholera has been reported. The patient, a woman, died on August 5, at her home.

From the clinical description given me, in answer to my inquiries, I think that they were cases of choleraic or choleriform diarrhea and not cases of true cholera.

The principal features in these cases are an acute catarrhal inflammation of the mucous membrane of the stomach and the small intestines. Vomiting and diarrhea are early symptoms, and appear suddenly. The vomited matter is usually bile tinted. The first evacuations contain undigested food, then quickly become copious and watery, resembling a serous fluid rather than the rice-water discharges of true cholera. Thirst becomes insatiable from the great loss of fluid.

In fatal cases the subnormal temperature, cramps, the prostration and cyanotic appearance are striking, and might easily be mistaken for cholera if not seen early in the disease. A fatal termination might take place within thirty-six hours.

During the past two weeks there have been 3 deaths from yellow fever.

Since the last report 13 vessels were cleared and given bills of health.

The inclosed mortuary reports are for the weeks ended August 10 and August 17.

Respectfully,

D. E. DUDLEY,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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[Inclosures.]

*Vera Cruz, Mexico—Mortality report for the week ended August 10, 1901.*

Yellow fever.....	1	Malarial fever.....	2
Tuberculosis.....	1	Pernicious fever.....	1
Pneumonia.....	3	Gangrene.....	2
Sporadic cholera.....	1	Deaths from all causes.....	29
Enteritis.....	2		

*Mortality report for the week ended August 17, 1901.*

Yellow fever.....	2	Meningitis.....	1
Enteritis.....	5	Pernicious malaria.....	2
Malarial fever.....	2	Dysentery.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	8	Deaths from all causes.....	28

*A case of yellow fever in Tampico.*

TAMPICO, MEXICO, *August 21, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report 1 case of yellow fever in the Mexican Central Railway Company's hospital here. The case is that of an American, who has lived here for the past two months. He is isolated and every precaution used for prevention of entrance of mosquitoes into the room.

Respectfully,

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